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Hi Tom. How about 9/11 (an auspicious day)?

Regarding the desire for an industry rep to share the floor - your choice, but I don't think it is necessary. EPA is pretty neutral on the whole hyro-fracturing debate. I think EPA has managed to draw criticism from both sides of the debate. While I will no longer be an EPA employee, I don't intend to have an agenda and will strive to be neutral. I think that I would like to try to place hydro-fracturing into a historical context, an energy policy context (btw, there was a nice OP Ed piece in today's NYTimes by Daniel Yergin), and an environmental law context. All this in about 40 minutes, including multi-media clips. That said, if you would like me to share the floor with anyone else, I'd be happy to do so. My only restriction is that I will need to be circumspect on specific matters that I have been involved with - notably some of the issues surrounding EPA's groundwater study in Pavillion, WY (although there is a lot of information in the public domain that I can talk about). Therefore, I would not want to be drawn into a discussion narrowly focused on why EPA is acting one way or another in Pavillion.

Thanks.
 - Pete

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Hi Peter,

We're working on our speakers series for the coming year, and am wondering if you could be our speaker in September -

either on a Tuesday or Thursday from 2:00PM-3:15PM.

Dates that don't work for us in September are:

9/4, 9/11, 9/13

The topic would be Gas Well Fracking Issues, and we could include an industry person if that made sense to you – sort of a point/counterpoint. You could decide on the format. Your experience as Deputy Regional Counsel at EPA in Denver will provide a fascinating perspective -

Thanks for your consideration!
Tom

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